

THE REPUBLICANS.

Lively State Convention Held in Columbia—Capers Won Out Over Brayton.

Columbia State, 25th.

In the bitter and very rowdy contest between the "ins" and the "outs" in the republican state convention in Cooper and Taylor hall yesterday, State Boss John G. Capers won a complete and sweeping victory over Maj. E. M. Brayton. The district attorney explained the violent charges the latter had brought out against him in a card published in a Charleston negro paper to the satisfaction of the convention and received 102 votes out of a possible 125 for delegate to the national convention, against 10 votes for Brayton, who turned up at the foot of the class on the first ballot and who was not even chosen an alternate.

There were nine nominees, including Maj. Brayton, for the four places as delegates. The delegates chosen were.

John G. Capers, E. H. Deas, L. W. C. Blalock and Dr. W. D. Crum. The four defeated delegates receiving the highest vote were named as alternates, Maj. Brayton being left out.

A remarkable feature of the proceedings is to be found in the narrow escape from defeat Dr. Crum had. He had received only 43 votes on the first ballot, 20 short of a majority and Capers, Blalock and Deas had gone in before the Richland delegation was reached in the voting. At this point there was an uproar in the convention, but after much yelling and crowding about the chairman's table order was restored after all the other candidates had withdrawn their names, and Dr. Crum was named as the fourth man by acclamation.

The best orators in the convention were employed to nominate Crum and second his nomination, and his election was eloquently urged on the ground that to leave him off would be a slap in the face of Roosevelt, who had opened the door of hope to the negroes and who had repeatedly appointed Crum to his present position, in the face of opposition which no other president had ever been called upon to face. And Capers, who had been charged with duplicity toward Crum, was among the first to vote for him. This expression from the convention in apparent condemnation of Roosevelt was excused by the president's apologists with the explanation that Crum's unpopularity was responsible for the small vote he received. They say that Crum is "stuck up" and that the negroes have no use for him.

Another strange feature was that R. R. Tolbert, who Capers had tried to get appointed in Crum's stead, was put up to defeat Capers for national committeeman. Tolbert was defeated as delegate but was elected as an alternate.

There were three other incidents not provided for in the program. One was a fist fight between two preachers, who were merely visitors in the convention; another was the arrest of a delegate for carrying concealed weapons and the third was the dropping of a revolver on the floor of the convention hall by a Charleston delegate.

The convention was two hours late in getting to work, the time having been employed in "log rolling" for position, but as soon as the meeting was called to order by Deas, chairman of the executive committee, it was seen that the Capers faction had won out. For Deas, the original opponent of Capers' dictatorship in South Carolina, has become reconciled to the district attorney, and Capers' friends nominated Deas for chairman of the convention. There was no opposition from the other faction.

About 20 per cent. of the delegates were white men and a majority of the remainder were mulattoes. One of the best orators was E. J. Dickerson, a coal black negro.

A delegate said that there were more preacher delegates than had been present on such an occasion in 30 years. Responsible for this, in his opinion, was the fact that the preachers were better able to meet the expense of coming to the convention.

At the evening session the preachers who had the fight in the morning explained their troubles, apologized, said they were not delegates and begged forgiveness. They were exonerated by a formal vote.

Chairman Deas issued an ultimatum that the deficiency for hall rent and expenses be raised. Capt. Capers put up \$25 and most of the candidates \$5 each, Chairman Deas is a wonder as

a collector. He firmly refused to let things move until the collection was complete.

A Roosevelt Platform.

Capt. John G. Capers, as chairman of the committee on platform and resolutions, presented the resolutions with a brief speech. The platform as adopted is an endorsement of Roosevelt and of the republican party.

Another resolution protested against the manner in which the democratic party is enforcing the suffrage laws, which are not only repugnant to the federal constitution but are enforced in violation of the laws of South Carolina itself.

A separate resolution condemned the unjust and narrow act of the State officers who had refused the use of the hall of the house of representatives.

Resolutions were adopted on the death of Marcus A. Hanna.

There were two protests against the alleged disfranchisement of the colored voters of the State. It was held that 100,000 republicans were disfranchised and asking for the republican party to take the matter up.

Congressional Delegates.

The following are the delegates to the national convention from the several congressional districts:

First—W. F. Myers, A. P. Prioleau.
Second—E. J. Dickerson, W. S. Dickson.

Fourth—A. A. Gates, P. S. Suber.
Fifth—W. E. Boykin, — — Atkinson.

Seventh—A. D. Webster, J. F. Enson.

There have been no elections in the Third and Sixth districts.

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From Success.

Grover Cleveland makes few social engagements in his home town, Princeton, New Jersey, but usually accepts invitations to go hunting. His readiness in this respect caused consternation last summer in a certain New Jersey farm house. The farmer was sending a load of produce to Princeton by a new hired man, and said jokingly, to the latter, as he was sitting in the wagon ready to start:—"Say, John, just drop in on my friend, Grover Cleveland, when you get to town, and tell him I would like to have him come out here for a day's shooting when he gets time."

John, not understanding that his employer had no acquaintance with the Ex-President and spoke in fun, said that he would, and he did.

A few days afterward the farmer received a note saying that Mr. Cleveland and two friends would be very glad to visit him on a certain day to shoot. There was excitement in the household. The farmer felt a good deal of awe for a man who had been President of the United States and the women of the family felt more. There was nothing to do, however, but make the best of the situation. The prospective host polished up his rifle, and his wife and dinner that was toshrdluetaoihrdlue daughter made preparations for a lives.

Then they awaited with fear and trembling the coming of the appointed day. Mr. Cleveland and his friends arrived on an early train, and guided by the farmer, lost no time in getting into the woods. Notwithstanding the misgivings of the feminine members of the household, that dinner, judging from the way it disappeared before the onslaughts of the party from Princeton, was a great success. When leaving Mr. Cleveland said that he had spent a most enjoyable day.

"You can't judge a man from what you have heard of him," said the farmer afterward. "I had an idea that Grover Cleveland was an iceberg. I suppose he has to be, sometimes. But he can throw off that manner as easily as you would get out of your overcoat. Just as soon as he climbed into my wagon at the depot, and laughingly asked me if I thought the springs could stand the strain, I forgot that he had been President of the United States."

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